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SUBJECT: AMERICAN COOPERATIVE SCHOOL

REFS: A. MONROVIA 6799; B. STATE 234055

1. HELD LONG MEETING WITH FOREIGN MINISTER DENNIS
THURSDAY EVENING, SEPTEMBER 23, REGARDING LETTER FROM
PRESIDENT TOLBERT TO ME WHICH IS SUBJECT OF REFTEL.

2. DENNIS SAID LETTER WAS POORLY DRAFTED AND DID NOT
REPRESENT THE DECISION TAKEN AT THE CABINET MEETING
WHICH HE ATTENDED. FIRST TWO PARAGRAPHS OF LETTER
REPRESENT POSITIONS WHICH PRESIDENT TOLBERT TOOK BUT
THEN, ACCORDING TO DENNIS, DRAFTER APPARENTLY PULLED
PARA THREE AND POINTS ONE, TWO, THREE, AND FOUR FROM
CABINET COMMITTEE WHICH HAD STUDIED THE PROBLEM.

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3. DENNIS MAINTAINS THAT POSITIONS ADVANCED BY THE

CABINET COMMITTEE ARE MERELY RECOMMENDATIONS WHICH GOL PROPOSED FOR US TO CONSIDER, BUT THAT THE FINAL DECISION ON THE ACS WILL BE DEVELOPED IN CONFERENCES HELD SPECIFICALLY BETWEEN THE FOREIGN MINISTER, MYSELF AND SUCH OTHERS WHOM WE MAY WISH TO INCLUDE.

4. DENNIS SUSPECTS LETTER WAS DRAFTED BY SABA KLA-WILLIAMS AT THE EXECUTIVE MANSION. HE STATED THAT PRINCIPAL CONCERN WAS LIBERIAN SOVEREIGNTY AND RIGHT OF GOL TO BE INFORMED OF ACTIVITIES AT ACS. HE RECOGNIZED, HOWEVER, THAT ACS WAS CLEARLY ESTABLISHED FOR THE TRAINING OF DEPENDENTS OF OFFICIAL AMERICANS.

5. DENNIS WANTS U.S. TO DRAFT AN UPDATED AGREEMENT USING 1960 AGREEMENT AS BASE. PLEASE CABLE COMPLETE TEXT OF 1960 AGREEMENT AND ANY RELATED DOCUMENTS TO DEPARTMENT FOR USE IN DISCUSSIONS SCHEDULED OCTOBER 4.

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